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SUBJECT: QADHAFI VISIT TO HUNGARY

1. SUMMARY: COL. MUAMMAR QADHAFI'S VISIT TO HUNGARY WAS FROM THE
LOCAL PERSPECTIVE JUST ANOTHER STOP ON AN EAST EUROPEAN TOUR, MARKED
BY JOINT ANTI-IMPERIALISTIC COMMUNIQUE OF FLEETING INTEREST. END
SUMMARY.

2. QADHAFI ARRIVED IN HUNGARY ON JUNE 23, AND DEPARTED JUNE
26. THAT CORE OF VISIT WAS OVER A WEEKEND INDICATES QADHAFI MAY NOT
REGARDED HUNGARY AS HIS MOST IMPORTANT EAST EUROPEAN STOP. THAT HE
WAS NOT GREETED BY KADAR, THAT KADAR DID NOT ATTENT STATE DINNER,
THAT QADHFI DID NOT RECEIVE PUBLICITY ON THE SCALE RECENTLY ACCORDED
TO MOZAMBIQUE LEADER SAMORA MACHEL, ALL SUGGESTED HUNGARIANS TOO DID
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NOT ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THIS VISIT.

3. ALL SAME QADHAFI WAS NOT SLIGHTED. PRESIDENT LOSONCZI MET HIM
AT AIRPORT AND HOSTED DINNER FOR LIBYAN DELEGATION. QADHAFI ALSO
HAD BUSINESS MEETING WITH KADAR AND WAS SEEN OFF BY HIM AT AIRPORT.
MEDIA GAVE RESPECTABLE COVERAGE TO BILATERAL TALKS, SIGHTSEEING
TOURS, USUAL SPEECHES AND COMMUNIQUE. DURING VISIT A CULTURAL

COOPERATION PROGRAM FOR THE YEARS 1978-80 AND A SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRAM WERE SIGNED AT THE INSTITUTE OF CULTURAL RELATIONS. (HUNGARY ALREADY HAS 200 EXPERTS WORKING IN LIBYA.) IT ALSO APPEARS THAT FOREIGN TRADE, INCLUDING POSSIBILITY OF HUNGARIAN OIL IMPORTS VIA THE ADRIATIC PIPELINE WAS DISCUSSED.

4. EMBASSY HAS RELIABLE REPORTS THAT MEMBERS OF QADHAFI'S ENTOURAGE VISITED A DISPLAY OF MILITARY AND PARA-MILITARY EQUIPMENT HUNGARY OFFERS FOR SALE. LIBYANS REPORTEDLY INDICATED SOME INTEREST IN HUNGARIAN COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. THEY WERE ALSO SHOWN A MILITARY RECONNAISSANCE VEHICLE BEING EXPORTED BY HUNGARY FOR ARMY AND POLICE USE.

5. COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER VISIT WAS BOILER-PLATE ANTI-IMPERIALIST, LOUD AGAINST "ISRAELI AGGRESSION" AND IN SUPPORT OF PLO AND REJECTIONIST FRONT OF ARAB STATES; EQUALLY LOUD IN DENOUNCING IMPERIALIST ATTEMPTS IN AFRICA; BUT POSITIVELY EVALUATING CSCE. ACCORDING TO FRENCH EMBASSY WHICH HAS COMPARED TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE AFTER QADHAFI'S VISIT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA WITH THAT ISSUED AFTER HIS VISIT HERE, THE TWO ARE ALMOST IDENTICAL EXCEPT FOR THE FACT THAT IN CASE OF HUNGARIAN-LIBYAN COMMUNIQUE SPECIFIC ATTACKS ON U.S. WERE NOT INCLUDED.
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